Childers Honored for Support of English as Official U.S. Language

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Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Travis Childers (MS-01) was recognized by the U.S. English Inc., the nation's oldest and largest citizens' action group, for his dedication to preserving the unifying role of the English language in the United States. Congressman Childers was one of a select number of House members honored with an "A in English" award based on his votes of official English legislation in the 111th Congress.

"I am proud to receive the "A in English" Award for my dedication to preserving English as the official language," said Childers. "I will continue to support legislation that promotes the importance of unity and understanding by declaring an official language."

"I am pleased to present this award to Rep. Childers for his effort to unite our diverse nation under the common language of English," said Mauro E. Mujica, Chairman of the Board of U.S. English, Inc. "Rep. Childers has actively reflected the viewpoints of his constituents regarding official English legislation. At a time when there is renewed interest toward preserving what unites us as a nation, we are grateful to Rep. Childers for his dedicated and enthusiastic support of this issue"

"A in English" honors were awarded bases on key legislative action, including co-sponsorship of the *English Language Unity Act* (H.R. 997), as well as a series of congressional votes on reducing multilingualism in government and allowing employees the flexibility to enact English-in-the-Workplace policies. A full listing of the votes and grades can be found at www.usenglish.org

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A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit www.childers.house.gov

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